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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SCALI

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UNIDO: CANDIDACY FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST

REF: STATE 128444

1. DURING APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
JUNE 28, AMBASSADOR BENNETT BROUGHT UP UNIDO AND URGED SYG
TO CONTINUE EFFORT FIND BETTER CANDIDATE FOR UNIDO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST THAN PERUVIAN FERNANDINI.
WALDHEIM SAID HE REGRETTED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO INTEREST
ECLA SECRETARY GENERAL IGLESIAS IN POSITION AND INDICATED
HE WAS PRETTY MUCH AT A LOSS ON HOW TO GET AROUND FERNANDINI.
LATIN AMERICAM GROUP HAD ALREADY ENDORSED FERNANDINI BUT
FRAZAO (BRAZILIAN CHAIRMAN) HAD FAILED TO INFORM SYG,
POSSIBLY BECAUSE FRAZAO CONSIDERED FERNANDINI VERY POOR
CHOICE. PERUVIAN PERM REP PEREZ HAD BEEN FURIOUS
WHEN HE LEARNED THAT SYG HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF
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LATIN ENDORSEMENT.

2. IT IS NOT THAT FERNANDINI IS A BAD MAN, COMMENTED WALDHEIM; HE IS WELL MEANING ENOUGH, BUT WEAK AND WITHOUT CONCEPT OF ADMINISTRATION. SECRETARY GENERAL SAID FYI ALGERIANS HAD RAISED WITH HIM DURING RECENT SPECIAL SESSION GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEIR NOMINATING A MAN FOR UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POST. AMBASSADOR PEREZ HAD ALREADY COMPLAINED TO SYG ABOUT ALGERIANS MUSCLING IN ON APPOINTMENT LATIN AMERICANS CONSIDERED BELONGED TO THEM. SYG CONCLUDED THAT IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES OF SITUATION IT WAS PERHAPS BETTER TO WAIT NOW AND SEE HOW COMPETITION DEVELOPS FOR THE POST.

3. WALDHEIM CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN HIS INTENTION PROCEED WITH FINDLEY BURNS APPOINTMENT. ABDEL-RAHMAN CONTINUES ADAMANT IN HIS REFUSAL TO SUPPORT OR PROPOSE BURNS FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND WALDHEIM BELIEVES IT BETTER TO WAIT SO THAT THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF OVERLAP WITH ABDEL-RAHMAN. WALDHEIM WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT THE BURNS APPOINTMENT IS NOT ONLY PROBLEM HE HAS WITH A-R. HE ACCUSED A-R OF TRYING TO USE UNIDO'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR HIM WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS. BENNETT

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